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1. EXPANDED ROLE BY DAC IN THE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COOPERATION: THE SECRETARY GENERAL INTRODUCED SUBJECT SET FORTH IN C (73)179, NOTING PREVIOUS BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION AND URGING AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DAC HIGH LEVEL MEETING. BELGIAN DELEGATION TABLED PROPOSED REVISED DRAFT ENTRY TO BE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL IN ITS MINUTES (PARA. 12 OF SECGEN NOTE). SUBSTANCE OF REVISED ENTRY NOT APPRECIABLY DIFFERENT FROM SECGEN DRAFT, BUT WOULD GIVE DAC SOMEWHAT MORE OF A ROLE WITHIN OECD IN IDENTIFYING VARIOUS ISSUES WHICH AND INTEGRATED POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WOULD COVER AND IN ANALYZING CERTAIN PROBLEMS EXAMINED IN OTHER COMMITTEES. BELGIAN DRAFT ALSO MADE PROVISION FOR INCREASED DIALOGUE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY PAYING INCREASED ATTENTION TO WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2. ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS PARTICPATED IN DISCUSSION.
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CONSIDERED THE NOTE TO BE PRIMARILY PROCEDURAL AND LACKING IN SUBSTANCE. HE BELIEVED THAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED PRIOR TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES. DEL FROM GREECE ECHOED SAME VIEW AND ALSO NOTED RESERVATION ABOUT GIVING EXPANDED ROLE TO DAC SINCE GREECE WAS NOT REPRESENTED ON THIS COMMITTEE. ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS FAVORED PROPOSAL SET FORTH BY SECGEN WITH MOST REPRESENTATIVES ALSO INDICATING THAT BELGIAN REDRAFT OF PROPOSED ENTRY TO MINUTES WAS, IN PART, MORE CLEARLY WORDED. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, WERE OF OPINION THAT BELGIAN VERSION OF MINUTES AND SECGEN NOTE (PARAS. 9 AND 10) IMPLIED THAT DAC WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED WITH REPRESENTTIVES AND EXPERTS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THESE DELEGATIONS MADE IT CLEAR THEY HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF THIS SORT EXCEPT THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER U.S. DEL SPOKE ALONG LINES REFTEL SUPPORTING PROPOSAL, PLACING SECGEN'S PAPER ON DAC IN LARGER FRAMEWORK OF ATTEMPT TO GET MORE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT OECD, AND NOTING THORNY TERRAIN INVOLVED HERE.

E. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, IT BECAME CLEAR IT WAS THE INTENTION THAT COUNCIL, SECGEN, AND XCSS WOULD PLAY INCREASINGLY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. MOST DELEGATES NOTED THAT DAC WAS UNIQUELY EQUIPPED TO PERFORM ROLE ENVISAGED FOR IT AND NO DELEGATION WAS CRITICAL OF THE COMMITTEE. EEC DELEGATE ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO COMPLIMENT THE DAC CHAIRMAN.

4. VAN LENNEP SUMMARIZED DISCUSSION BY THANKING DELEGATIONS FOR SUPPORT, BROADLY OUTLINING SORTS OF ISSUES DAC MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER, AND NOTING THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES COULD MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED. HE HOPES TO PRESENT NEW DRAFT NOTE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BELGIAN PROPOSED DRAFT ENTRY AND COMMENTS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS, AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. DESPITE HIS EARLIER RESERVATIONS, DANISH DELEGATE INDICATED THAT, AFTER CLARIFICATIONS GIVEN HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE AGREE. THUS ONLY THE DELEGATE FROM GREECE INDICATED DISSATISFACTION WITH PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF HIS COUNTRY'S NON-MEMBERSHIP IN DAC.BROWN

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